

The Rhode Island Pilot Commission will hold its Annual Public Hearing pursuant to the requirements of R.I. General Laws Section 46-9-6 (8), in order to hear and receive complaints and comments from individual pilots, associations, or other public or private agencies with regard to any matters that may properly come within the jurisdiction of the RI Pilot Commission.

In addition, at the Public Hearing, the public will be afforded the opportunity to offer verbal and/or written comments concerning proposed modifications to the RI Pilot Commission Regulations consistent with R.I. General Laws Chapter 42-35. The hearing will take place at the following:

Thursday, April 8, 2010

9:00 a.m.

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Division of Law Enforcement

Room 250

235 Promenade Street

Providence, RI 02908

Attached to this notice is the notice that was posted on the Secretary of State's Website on March 5, 2010 regarding the proposed regulatory modifications.

The RIPC monthly meeting will also be held following the public hearing. An agenda of the meeting is posted with Secretary of State

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 46-9 and 46-9.1 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended, and in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 42-35 of the General Laws, the Rhode Island State Pilotage Commission hereby gives notice of its intention to hold a public hearing in compliance with Section 46-9-6(8) of the General Laws of Rhode Island to afford the public any opportunity to offer oral and written testimony on matters pertaining to the administration of Chapters 46-9 and 46-9.1 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended entitled "Pilots, Narragansett Bay and Tributaries" and "Pilots, Block Island Sound," respectively.

The Rhode Island State Pilotage Commission further hereby gives notice of its intention to amend the following rules of the State Pilotage Commission's Rules and Regulations:

- Rule 11.03 modifying the maximum gross weight tonnage of vessels authorized to be piloted by pilots holding Block Island Sound probationary pilot licenses from 20,000 to 30,000 gwt;

- Rule 12.03(A) modifying the maximum gross weight tonnage of vessels authorized to be piloted by pilots holding Rhode Island Sound probationary pilot licenses from 20,000 to 30,000 gwt; and
- Rule 15.09 modifying the rules under which a pilot shall decline to pilot a vessel into state waters.

Anyone interested in reviewing the proposed amendment may obtain a copy by requesting same from the Division of Law Enforcement, Department of Environmental Management, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, or by calling (401) 222-3070.

Testimony will be taken on the proposed regulatory amendment and on any subject matter pursuant to the requirements of Section 46-9-6(8) of the General Laws of Rhode Island "...that the Commission shall conduct at least one public hearing annually, duly advertised, to hear and receive complaints and comments from individual pilots, associations, or other public or private agencies with regard to any matters that may come within the jurisdiction of the Commission."

Written comments will be accepted at the offices of the Division of Law Enforcement, Department of Environmental Management, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908 on or before April 7, 2010. The public hearing will be held at the Foundry Building, Division of Law Enforcement Conference Room, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908 commencing at 9:00 a.m. on April 8, 2010. A stenographic record of the hearing will be made.

The meeting site is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Commission by telephone at (401) 222-3070 or TDD (401)831-5508, or in writing at the Division of Law Enforcement, Department of Environmental Management, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908 at least seventy two (72) hours in advance of the hearing date.

Signed this 5th day of March, 2010.

Michael Scanlon, Chair

Rhode Island State Pilotage Commission